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Peter Steblin Accepts New Position

London's General Manager of Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer, Peter Steblin, will be leaving the City early in 2008 to assume the role of City Manager in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

"I can say unequivocally that my five years in London were the best years of my professional life," said Steblin. "The positive changes in the structure and service levels in my department provide me with a real sense of accomplishment. The recent HELP Clean Water initiative with the Provincial and Federal governments is a legacy for London that I believe will help solidify the long-term viability of this community. London has been very good for me and I hope that it is recognized that I have left London in better shape than I found it."

Steblin joined the City of London in 2002 following a distinguished career in British Columbia in the municipal sector and as a consultant. He represented London on many provincial and federal committees and championed London's name in the international arena with his expertise to an international aide mission in tsunami-stricken Sri Lanka. Steblin also chaired an InfraGuide Committee which produced numerous Best Practices for Infrastructure Works which are used across Canada. He chairs the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario and serves on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Water Network.

In addition to those initiatives, Steblin worked with the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Western Ontario to launch an exchange program for students in the African nation of Ghana. He has spoken at numerous conferences across Canada and abroad including keynote addresses in Australia, Ghana and the Netherlands. In 2006, Steblin received an award of recognition from the Consulting Engineers of Ontario for leadership in the Engineering Profession - the only such award ever given to a public servant. Most noteworthy, in 2007 Steblin was recognized as one of North America's Top Ten Public Works Leaders from an international list of hundreds of thousands of candidates (a career profile and projects list of notable achievements are attached).

"The position of City Manager in Coquitlam gives me a new window of opportunity to pursue some very key issues. It is in one of the fastest growing regions of British Columbia, is a vibrant community, and a municipality that I believe I can make a difference in. City Manager positions don't come along every day in Canada and it has always been a professional goal of mine to serve the public in that capacity".

City Manager, Jeff Fielding, says "Steblin will be missed. Pete was an excellent ambassador for London on the world stage and his energy and focused approach to bringing about positive change was critical to moving the City forward. Coquitlam is receiving a quality professional

who believes in integrity, teamwork and professionalism. While we will miss Pete, it is a good day for Coquitlam, a well-deserved appointment for Pete, and an exceptional opportunity for him to return to his roots".

Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best echoed Fielding's praise calling Peter the consummate professional. "Pete was always forthright in his advice and assessment of situations." said the Mayor. "That is an essential trait in dealing with the many complex issues facing municipalities today. It greatly assisted Council in setting priorities and coming to decisions. His legacy will live on for a very long time. But, I understand two of his children will likely be attending Western and he has offered to continue to serve as a mentor to a number of our Engineering Managers so London will not be far from his mind and we can expect to see him again."